

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A computer system useful for evaluating trading interests and selectively creating tradable orders corresponding to one or more offerings of the trading interests, the system comprising:

5 a buyer terminal having an output device ~~for presenting offerings of the interests~~ and an input device ~~for entering one or more investment criteria;~~
and

[[a]] at least one computer coupled to the buyer terminal[[,]]; and

10 a data store coupled to the at least one computer and including offerings of
a plurality of trading parties[[,]]; and

the at least one computer including

15 first programming for selectively identifying that causes the at least one computer to identify, from the data store, one or more offerings of the plurality of trading parties responsive to one or more the investment criteria entered via the input device and to provide to the output device, the computer providing information related to the one or more identified offerings responsive to the investment criteria of all trading parties for presentation together on the output device, the output device displaying the provided information, and

20 second programming that causes the at least one computer to accept selection, via the input device, of information displayed on the output device and to create a tradable order corresponding to one of the offerings that is related to the selected information.

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2. (currently amended) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one computer provides to the output device a presentation, in an integrated fashion, of information related to identified offerings of at least two of the plurality of trading parties.

3. (currently amended) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one computer provides to the output device a presentation of information related to identified offerings in a summary view.

4. (currently amended) The computer system as set forth in claim 3, wherein, responsive to a selection entered via said input device identifying a trading party presented in the summary view, the at least one computer provides a listing of all offerings from the data store of the one selected trading party for presentation on the output device.

5. (currently amended) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the investment criteria include[[s]] one or more buyer-defined values for terms of the offerings.

6. (currently amended) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the investment criteria include[[s]] one or more buyer-defined values for at least one of maturity, size, yield, credit ratings and trading party of the offerings.

7. (currently amended) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the investment criteria include[[s]] one or more parameters that specify an order for presenting offerings information retrieved from the data store.

8. (currently amended) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the computer system includes memory for storing the investment criteria, the at least one computer upon command selectively identifying the offerings in the data store based on investment criteria stored in the memory.

9. (currently amended) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one computer comprises programming for selectively granting buyers authority to view offerings of the trading parties, and for selectively preventing retrieval and display of offerings to unauthorized buyers.

10. (currently amended) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one computer comprises programming for selectively granting buyers authority to execute offerings of dealers.

11. (currently amended) The computer system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one computer comprises programming for selectively limiting access to offerings of predetermined ones of the plurality of trading parties.

12. (currently amended) In a computer system for trading interests that includes one or more offerings of the trading interests including a plurality of buyer terminals having an output device and an input device, and a at least one central computer linked to the buyer terminals by a communication system, an ~~the~~ improvement comprising:

a data store, coupled to the at least one central computer, including offerings of a plurality of trading parties[[,]];

the central computer including

first programming for selectively identifying that causes the at least one central computer to identify, from the data store, one or more offerings of a plurality of trading parties responsive to at least one investment criterion entered via an input device of a buyer terminal, the at least one central computer transmitting to the buyer terminal for presentation on the output device the information related to the one or more identified offerings of each trading party having an offering responsive to the at least one investment criterion, the output device associated with the buyer terminal displaying the provided information, and

second programming that causes the at least one central computer to accept selection, via the input device associated with the buyer terminal, of information displayed on the output device associated with the buyer terminal and to create a

tradable order corresponding to one of the offerings that is
related to the selected information.[].]

13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) A method for evaluating trading interests and selectively creating
5 tradable orders corresponding to one or more offerings of the trading interests, the method
comprising:

entering at least one investment criterion into a computer system in which
are stored trading interests of a plurality of parties;

10 retrieving information relating to offerings of the interests from a plurality
of trading parties responsive to the at least one investment criterion; ~~and~~

presenting, in an integrated fashion, the retrieved offerings information of
the plurality of trading parties;

selecting one of the offerings by selecting presented information related to
the offering; and

15 automatically creating a tradable order corresponding to the selected
offering.

15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) The method as set forth in claim 14, comprising[[]:] sorting the
retrieved offerings information in accordance with sorting information included within the
20 investment criteria, wherein the step of presenting includes presenting the retrieved offerings
information in the sorting information.

17. (original) The method as set forth in claim 14, comprising storing entered investment
criteria and upon request, retrieving the stored investment criteria and applying the retrieved
investment criteria to again retrieve offerings of the plurality of dealers.

18. (previously presented) The method as set forth in claim 14, comprising a trading party granting authority to a buyer to view offerings information of the trading party and preventing retrieval and display of offerings information of the trading party to unauthorized buyers.

19. (previously presented) The method as set forth in claim 14, in combination with a method
5 for trading offerings, comprising the step of a trading party granting authority to a buyer to execute offerings of that trading party.

20. (previously presented) The method as set forth in claim 14, comprising the step of a buyer limiting that buyer's access to offerings of predetermined ones of the plurality of trading parties.

21. (cancelled)

10 22. (cancelled)

23. (cancelled)

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26. (cancelled)

15 27. (new) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the at least one computer includes third programming that causes the tradable order to be forwarded to a trading system for execution.